

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Tuesday, February 1, 2005, the following members were present:

Greg Jergeson, Chairman
Brad Molnar, Vice Chairman
Doug Mood, Commissioner
Robert H. Raney, Commissioner
Thomas J. Schneider, Commissioner

APPEARANCE

Wayne Budt, Administrator
Transportation & Centralized Services Division

(44) In the matter of Wild Trout Outfitters, Inc. dba Mountain Taxi, Big Sky, Montana filed application to remove two of the limitations on PSC No. 8995, Docket No. T-04.61.PCN:

Commissioner Raney moved to approve the requested authority and remove the two limitations on PSC No. 8995. Commissioner Schneider seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(45) In the matter of the approval of Commission Minutes:

Commissioner Raney moved to approve the Commission Minutes for the week of January 31, 2005. Commissioner Molnar seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Martin Jacobson, Legal Division
Mike Lee, Utility Division

(46) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of 3 Rivers Telephone Cooperative ETC, Shelby- Docket No. D2003.2.23:

Commissioner Schneider moved to grant reconsideration for the purpose of further consideration. Commissioner Raney seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Commissioner Molnar moved to direct staff to draft an Order denying the arguments of 3 Rivers including clarification of the Order. Commissioner Schneider seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Monica Tranel
Legal Division

(47) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Interconnection Agreements in Dockets D2005.1.10, D2005.1.6, and D2005.1.2:

Commissioner Schneider moved to notice the QPP agreements in D2005.1.10, D2005.1.6, and D2005.1.2 as Interconnection Agreements on a 90-day track consistent with other Interconnection Agreements under section 252. Commissioner Jergeson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(48) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of eight motions for reconsideration. The first for discussion is Docket No. D2004.7.119, MCI:

Commissioner Schneider moved to reconsider the prior decision in Docket No. D2004.7.119 to further consider the Commission's actions. Commissioner Raney seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Commissioner Schneider moved to grant the motion for the amendment with respect to the notice for customer disconnect requirement, and deny the parties request that the agreement not be filed according to Section 252. Commissioner Raney seconded the motion, which passed 4-1. Commissioner Molnar voted no.

In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Motions for reconsideration in the remaining Dockets D2004.8.140, D2004.11.179, D2004.11.180, D2004.11.181, D2004.11.177, D2004.11.178, and D2004.9.147:

Commissioner Schneider moved to reconsider the prior decision in all the seven dockets listed above to further consider the commission's actions. Commissioner Raney seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Commissioner Schneider moved to grant the motion in all of the seven dockets listed above for the amendment with respect to the notice for customer disconnect requirement, and deny the parties request that the agreement not be filed according to Section 252. Commissioner Raney seconded the motion, which passed 4-1. Commissioner Molnar voted no.

APPEARANCE

Monica Tranel- Legal Division
Scott Fabel- Utility Division

(49) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Qwest Construction Expenditures- Docket No. D99.8.200:

Commissioner Molnar moved to send a letter expressing disappointment in Qwest not informing the Commission of their changing expenditures. The letter would be subject to drafting and

editing approval. The letter would also state in the future Qwest should come to the Commission and the Commission could determine where future expenditures could be made. Commissioner Schneider seconded the motion, which passed 3-2. Commissioner Raney and Commissioner Jergeson voted no.

APPEARANCE
Martin Jacobson
Legal Division

(50) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of EWM General Rate Case- Docket No. D2004.3.46:

Commissioner Schneider moved to grant the hearing extension until March 24, 2005.
Commissioner Raney seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE
Martin Jacobson, Legal Division
Dave Burchett, Utility Division
Kim Moran, Utility Division

(51) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of NorthWestern Energy Gas Trackers and related discussion of stipulation settlement j- Docket No. D2002.11.140:

Commissioner Schneider moved to set the matter on the stipulation for a public hearing.
Commissioner Raney seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE
Martin Jacobson
Legal Division

(52) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Energy Utility Service Standards- Docket No. L-97.06.4-RUL:

Commissioner Schneider moved to re-notice the proposed rules as amended in L-97.06.4-RUL.
Commissioner Raney seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE
Kate Whitney, Administrator
Utility Division

(53) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Telework Policy adoption:

Commissioner Raney moved to adopt a Telework policy and direct staff to prepare a Telework policy for review at a later date. Commissioner Schneider seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Wayne Budt, Administrator
Transportation & Centralized Services Division
Martin Jacobson, Legal Division

(54) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Ravalli County Council on Aging dba Bitterroot Bus application on motion to dismiss protest- Docket No. T-04.57.PCN:

Commissioner Mood moved to suspend the proceeding in this case pending the outcome of any proposed legislation. Commissioner Raney seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

GREG JERGSON, Chairman

BRAD MOLNAR, Vice Chairman

DOUG MOOD, Commissioner

ROBERT H. RANEY, Commissioner

THOMAS J. SCHNEIDER, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Connie Jones
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Friday, February 4, 2005, the following members were present:

Greg Jergeson, Chairman
Brad Molnar, Vice Chairman
Doug Mood, Commissioner
Robert H. Raney, Commissioner
Thomas J. Schneider, Commissioner

APPEARANCE

Al Brogan, Kate Whitney, Will Rosquist

(55) In the Commission's discussion of Legislative matters:

Commissioner Schneider moved to support extension of USB in SB 34 and SB 307 and supports importance of USB as state policy. Commissioner Raney seconded the motion, which passed 3-2. Commissioners' Mood and Molnar voted no.

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